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The meeting was called to order at 12.10 p.m.

Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee (A/C.2/59/CRP.2/Rev.1)

1. **The Chairman** recalled that, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee had held extensive informal consultations on its agenda and methods of work. He introduced document A/C.2/59/CRP.2/Rev.1, which outlined the proposed working methods which had been drawn up on the basis of these consultations, and asked if the Committee wished to approve the text.

2. **Mrs. Navarro Barro** (Cuba) pointed out that the Spanish version of paragraph b did not accurately reflect the English text, for the latter did not contain the word "possibility".

3. **The Chairman** said the necessary changes would be made to ensure that all the different language texts were aligned with the English text. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to approve the text contained in document A/C.2/59/CRP.2/Rev.1.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. **Ms. Klein** (Luxembourg), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that although a number of improvements in the past two years had been made, much remained to be done. In particular, she hoped that more changes could be made to the "macroeconomic policy questions" cluster.

6. **The Chairman**, noted that there seemed to be a consensus that the Committee should have a greater role in discussions of global problems. More must be done to focus on crucial issues, such as emigration, implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, poverty in its entirety and South-South cooperation.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.